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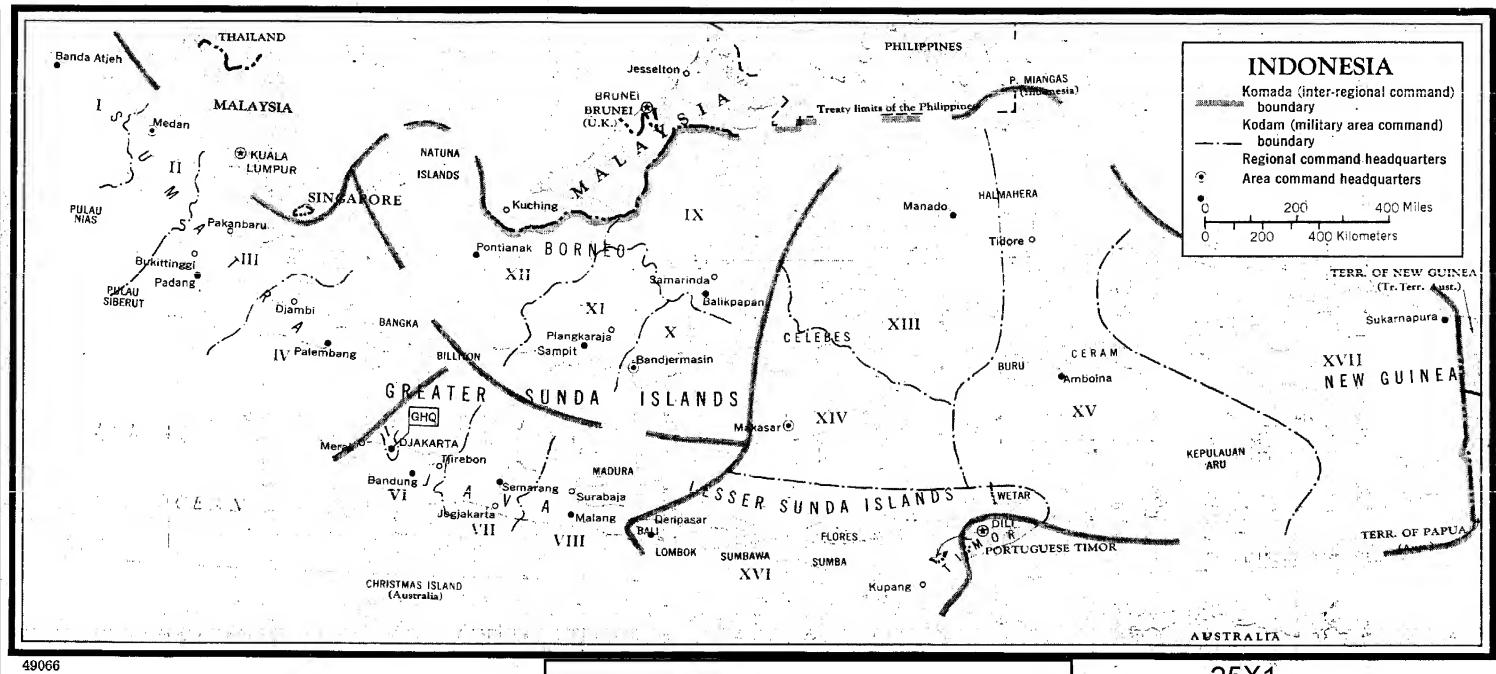
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***Indonesia:** (Information as of 4:30 AM EDT)

The Indonesian army is apparently holding fast against Sukarno's attempt to paper over the 30 September "incident" and to return to the political situation which existed before Lt. Col. Untung's coup.

On 6 October Sukarno held a cabinet meeting, which the US Embassy in Djakarta earlier believed would be the turning point in revealing the extent of Sukarno's resumption of power. No significant decisions, however, were forthcoming and Sukarno did not even comment on recent events to the foreign correspondents who had been invited to the session. First Deputy Prime Minister Subandrio's statement to the press after the meeting detailed Sukarno's effort to conciliate all factions, play down the importance of recent events, and to return the nation's attention to the idea of an external threat.

Earlier reports that Air Marshal Dani was being held in protective custody by the army appear dispelled by his attendance at the cabinet meeting. At the session, he also announced the arrests of several Halim Air Force Base personnel who were suspected of being involved in the coup.

M. H. Lukman and Nojoto, who rank second and third in the Indonesian Communist Party (PKI), reportedly attended the meeting but PKI Chairman Aidit has still not been heard from.

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Events of the past seven days have put PKI and pro-Communist elements on the defensive. Party members in general are in a state of despair and there is apparently almost a complete communications

breakdown within the party. Numerous organizations who have suffered at the hands of the **PKI** over the past few years are now seeking, with army backing, the dissolution of the **PKI** and the imprisonment of its leaders.

A public statement from the PKI Central Committee dated 5 October--disavowing PKI participation in the "30 September Movement"--is apparently being suppressed by the army. The statement is the first official PKI comment on the situation since General Suharto took control.]

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Dominican Republic: The provisional government, after over a month in office, has still not collected a significant number of rebel weapons or gained control of the rebel zone in Santo Domingo.

Garcia Godoy continues to promise early action. [On 5 October he once more told Ambassador Bunker that he felt the problem of integration of the rebel military into the armed services was the key to other problems and would soon be solved.] A joint rebel-provisional government police contingent was to have begun patrolling the rebel zone on 4 October but has not yet done so.

Garcia Godoy apparently retains the half-hearted support of some moderates such as ex-President Balaguer. Balaguer, however, reportedly has said he feels the President lacks the necessary character and strength to carry out his good intentions.

The military remain disgruntled. Defense Minister Rivera has discovered that Garcia Godoy has supplied money to Caamano. Air Force Chief De los Santos has stressed that the service chiefs will not be able to defend Garcia Godoy much longer under present conditions.

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NOTES

Iran: Iran and the USSR have initiated an agreement providing for Soviet construction of a steel mill and a machine-tool plant in exchange for Iranian natural gas and other commodities. The agreement will be signed in Moscow within the next month, after the exact amount of credits, the time span, and the sale conditions for the natural gas are determined. Iran has been trying unsuccessfully for 30 years to acquire a steel mill from Western suppliers, and the Soviet agreement will be well received by those Iranians who advocate a policy of greater independence from the US.

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Rhodesia: After two days of talks with Rhodesian Prime Minister Smith, British officials still are not optimistic that a negotiated settlement can be reached, and fear that Rhodesia will make a unilateral declaration of independence within the next few weeks. London has not yet decided on the full range sanctions which it might impose after such a declaration. However, Prime Minister Wilson's cabinet had given him full authority to threaten severe economic sanctions when he sees Smith today. British officials hope that this warning will force Smith to ponder for a time before issuing a declaration of independence.

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